

## Single Stream Recycling Guidelines (cont.)

### Items NOT included in Single Stream Recycling:

- Plastic bags, films, or wraps
- Shredded paper
- Styrofoam
- Mylar products (chip bags, candy and power bar wrappers, helium balloons); look for tear-resistance and shiny, reflective interior.
- Contaminated items (diapers, sanitary products, paper towels, tissues, napkins, medical waste)
- Ink cartridges—recycle at local retail stores (Staples, Best Buy, Office Max, Target) or with prepaid labels from on-line retailers (Quill.com, HP, Epson, Xerox)
- Mirrors
- Pyrex glass
- Razors and hypodermic needles
- Rubber and latex items
- Tyvek envelopes
- Wax, waxed paper, or wax-coated paper (eg. Dixie cups)
- Wooden pencils or crates (from produce, food, or wine)

### Place in household garbage:

- Trash—any item or material that cannot be recycled;
- Items contaminated by food/grease/chemicals/non-recyclables.

*All residents, including those who use a hauler, are encouraged to have a permit to take advantage of the increased recycling opportunities at the Darien Recycling Center!*

## Unacceptable Waste

### The following items are not accepted at the Darien Recycling & Refuse Center:

- Hazardous waste—save for Household Hazardous Waste Day (HHWD) - always the first Saturday in June in Darien. Visit our website for HHW dates in neighboring communities.
- Liquids
- Asbestos
- Pathological or medical waste
- Barrels, cylinders, fire extinguishers, propane tanks and sealed containers
- Prescription & OTC drugs—drop-off bin in lobby of Darien Police Station, 25 Hecker Avenue. No needles or lotions.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

- **WEBSITE:** [darienct.gov](http://darienct.gov) (click on Town Services) or search “Darien Recycling Center” in any browser.
- **FACEBOOK:** “Like” the Darien Recycling Center page for regular updates or to ask questions.
- **TWITTER:** follow @DarienRecycles.

**WHY RECYCLE?** *Recycling conserves natural resources, reduces greenhouse gases, and saves on solid waste disposal costs (and taxpayer dollars!)*



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## Darien Recycling & Refuse Center

126 Ledge Road, Darien CT 06820

(203) 656-7340

[Darienct.gov](http://Darienct.gov) (click on Town Services)

## Hours of Operation

**Monday—Saturday, 7:00 am to 2:45pm**  
**(Swap Shop closes 2:00 pm)**

Holiday closures: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas.

## Department of Public Works (DPW)

Darien Town Hall

2 Renshaw Road, Darien, CT 06820

(203) 656-7346

## Recycling Center Permits

A current permit is required to enter the Darien Recycling Center. Yearly permits expire on June 30th. **Renewals** may be done on-line. A **new permit** may be obtained by mail or in person at Town Hall (DPW). Check website for fees and required documentation.

## What & How to Recycle at the Darien Recycling Center

*Look for signage at the drop-off locations or refer to the map on our website.*

### **Appliances**

Refrigeration equipment (freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers) requires a \$15 Freon-recovery fee. Pay cash or check to scale house attendant or at DPWV office. Freon-free items (washers, dryers, ovens, stoves) require no fee—place with scrap metal. Small, non-metal appliances—place with e-waste.

### **Batteries (all types)**

Bins located inside transfer station building for

- Automotive (lead acid)
- Non-rechargeable (alkaline)
- Rechargeable (lithium-ion, NiCad, NiMH) and specialty (lithium, silver oxide). These can also be placed with e-waste.

### **Construction & Demolition Debris**

All non-combustible materials (asphalt shingles, sheetrock, porcelain, fiberglass, tiles, etc.) and treated lumber.

Oversized bulky waste: combustible materials (untreated lumber, etc.) permitted here only if too large to fit into the MSW hopper (larger than 6" in diameter and 4' in length).

**Electronics:** Any item with a cord, or that uses a cord to charge.

**Food Scraps:** Place in the totes to the right of the transfer station building.

**Lawn & Garden Debris:** Leaves, brush (branches, twigs, stumps, vegetation) and grass clippings. Logs can be dropped off in a separate area.

**Light bulbs (all types—unbroken)**

## What & How ... (cont.)

**Mattresses:** Must be dry.

### **Oversized Plastic**

Plastic too large for the recycling bin (patio furniture, play toys, car seats). No metal.

### **Paint**

Any brand of oil-based or latex paint, primer, stain, sealer. No aerosols or solvents. Must be in original container (label intact) with secure lid.

### **Reusable Items—Swap Shop**

Most household items accepted. No large appliances, TVs, clothing, mattresses, cribs, car seats. Please place items inside tent.

### **Scrap Metal**

All unusable metal goods. No appliances with Freon.

### **Single Stream Recycling**

Paper, cardboard, plastic, glass & metal—all in one bin (detailed info follows).

### **Smoke Alarms - NEW**

Place ionizing smoke alarms in the yellow CuriePack Inside the transfer building near batteries and paint.

### **Textiles**

Clean, dry, usable or unusable: clothing, footwear, linens (bedding, towels, draperies), or accessories (handbags & backpacks, belts, hats, gloves, scarves). No rugs or carpets.

**Tires:** Place on ground next to locked trailer.

### **Waste Oil (motor oil, only)**

Recycling tank is locked—see attendant for key. No anti-freeze, brake fluid or gasoline.

**Leaf Compost and Wood Chips** are available for permit holders to take for **Free!** These piles are located beyond the scale house. **Help yourself!**

## Single Stream Recycling Guidelines

**Paper • Cardboard • Glass**

**Rigid Plastic • Metal**

**ALL IN ONE BIN**

Recyclables must be:

- **LOOSE** - do not put in plastic bags
- **EMPTY** - no food or liquids
- **NO MORE THAN LIGHTLY SOILED**

Notes:

- Cardboard should be flattened
- **These items are no longer accepted in single stream:**
  - \* Plastic bags, film, and wraps
  - \* Shredded paper
  - \* Styrofoam

*For a complete list of single stream recyclables, please check our website.*

